



Legislative Bulletin.....July 25, 2007

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S. 1868 — Higher Education Act Extension Act of 2007

Summary of the Bills Under Consideration Today:

Total Number of New Government Programs: 0

Total Cost of Discretionary Authorizations: unknown

Effect on Revenue: \$0

Total Change in Mandatory Spending: 0

Total New State & Local Government Mandates: 0

Total New Private Sector Mandates: 0

Number of Bills Without Committee Reports: 1

Number of Reported Bills that Don't Cite Specific Clauses of Constitutional Authority: 0

S. 1868 — To temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965 (*Sen. Kennedy, D-MA*)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled for consideration on Wednesday, July 25, 2007, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: S. 1868 would extend the authorization (at current, FY04 levels) for the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA) through October 31, 2007 (currently set to expire on July 31, 2007). Current law allows for flexibility in the authorization depending upon amendments to HEA enacted during FY05 or FY06.

Committee Action: S. 1868 was introduced and passed by unanimous consent in the Senate on July 24, 2007.

Cost to Taxpayers: A CBO score for S. 1868 is not available.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable. House Rule XIII, Section 3(d)(1), requires that all committee reports contain “a statement citing the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the law proposed by the bill or joint resolution.”

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